Statement– I

	Name of the Indian Co.	Name of collaborator	Broad-banded Licensed capacity
1.	Maruti Udyog Ltd., Gurgaon	Suzuki Motor Co., Japan	1,00,000
2.	Premier Automobiles Ltd., Bombay	Nissan Motor Co., Japan (For Engine Transmission only)	28,600
3.	Hindustan Motors Ltd. Calcutta	Isuzu Motor Co., Japan (For Engine transmission only)	50,000
4.	Standard Motor Products of India Ltd., Madras	Austin Rover, UK.	27,500
5.	Sipni Automobiles Ltd., Bangalore	Reliant Motor Co., UK	3,000

Estimated Demand

The VII Plan Sub-Group has estimated the demand of passenger cars in 1989-90 as 1,40,000 numbers.

Quantity and value of import of various items including automobiles and their parts are being published in the "Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India, Vol. II-Imports" copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Statement—II

	Name of the Indian Co.	Name of collaborator
1.	M/s. TELCO, Bombay	Honda Motor Co., Japan
2.	M/s. Premier Automobiles Ltd., Bombay	Nissan Motor Co., Japan
3.	M/s. Escorts Ltd. Faridabad	M/s. Citreon International, France
4.	M/s. Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. Bombay	M/s. Automoblie Peugeot, France
5.	M/s. Hindustan Motors Ltd. Calcutta.	M/s. Isuzu Motor Co., Japan

Price hike of tyres

174. SHRI N.E. BALARAM :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Injust price hike fattens tyre makers" as reported in the 'Patriot' dated the 17th June, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Copies of the B.I.C.P's report are available in Parliament library. The Government are in constant dialogue with the industry in this regard.

Supersession of a District Judge

175. SHRI J.P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a senior District Judge has been superceded recently in the appointment of a Judge of the Delhi High Court despite the fact that his name was recommended by two successive Chief Justices of the High Court and approved by the Chief Justice of India; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) There has been no supersession since appointment to the High Court is not in the line of promotion of State Judicial Service Officers, nor has any person a right to be considered for fresh appointment as a High Court Judge.

However, the matter of appointing the District and Sessions Judge, Delhi as a High Court Judge is engaging the attention of the Government in consultation with the concerned Constitutional authorities.

Acquisition of Helicopters for GAIL

176. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about nine months ago, Gas Authority of India had invited tenders for acquisition of two helicopters to supervise its pipe-laying operations;

(b) if so, what are the factors responsible for non-finalisation of the tender so far and by when the helicopters would be acquired;

(c) whether it is a fact that GAIL intend to scrap the bids for the above helicopters and making alternative arrangements for their acquisition; and

(d) if so, what is the justification for such a step?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) The tender was floated for net leasing of helicopters and not for acquisition.

(b) to (d) Helicopter Corporation of India has since been formed for the purpose of hiring out helicopters to users in the country. GAIL have therefore proposed to consider leasing helicopters from the Helicopter Corporation of India now. The proposal is therefore still under consideration.

Delays in finalisation of HBJ Project

177. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that HBJ project has been delayed because of the late finalisation of the main turn-key contract

(b) if so, what is the new targe date for completion of the project; and